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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE'S EFFECTS ON BIHOR, SALAJ, CLUJ, BOTOSANI,
AND IASI DISTRICTS

1. IN LATE APRIL AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF VISITED SEVERAL JUDETS AND HELD MEETINGS WITH FIRST SECRETARIES.

2. BASED ON MEETINGS AND PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS, DIRECT EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WERE MINIMAL IN AREAS VISITED NOR WERE BOTTLE NECKS REPORTED BECAUSE OF DISLOCATIONS ELSEWHERE. IASI AND BOTOSANI SUFFERED MOST OF THE DAMAGE, WHICH WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE HOUSING SECTOR. IASI LOST 140 BUILDINGS (1,500 FAMILIES DISLOCATED) AND HAS ANOTHER THOUSAND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND BOTOSANI LOST 160 BUILDINGS.

3. ALL FIVE JUDETS ARE PARTICIPATING IN COUNTRY WIDE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS. THESE EFFORTS INCLUDE: SENDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, TECHNICIANS AND WORK CREWS TO BUCHAREST (IASI HAS SENT ONLY TECHNICIANS); ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH OF WORK WITHOUT WAGES AT MOST ENTERPRISES (WAGES BEING DONATED TO RELIEF FUND) AND COLLECTION OF FUNDS

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FOR AID TO QUAKE VICTIMS. AMOUNTS RAISED SO FAR VARIED FROM ABOUT 20 MILLION LEI IN BLUJ TO 40 MILLION IN BOTOSANI. BIHOR AIMING FOR 100 MILLION. THE ONE SUNDAY A MONTH WORK PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO LAST THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. EACH JUDET ALSO SENT VARIOUS AMOUNTS OF FOOD TO BUCHAREST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE QUAKE.

4. ANNUAL PLANS OF EACH JUDET HAVE BEEN MODIFIED WITH HIGHER TARGETS SET FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION ACCORDING TO DISTRICT OFFICIALS.

5. COMMENT: WE THINK IT A FAIR ASSUMPTION THAT EFFECTS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ARE PARALLELED IN REST OF COUNTRY. AT SUCH A RATE CEAUSESCU'S PROCLAIMED GOAL OF MEETING PLANNED TARGETS SEEMS REALIZABLE AT LEAST IN OVERALL PERFORMANCE IF NOT IN DETAIL.

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